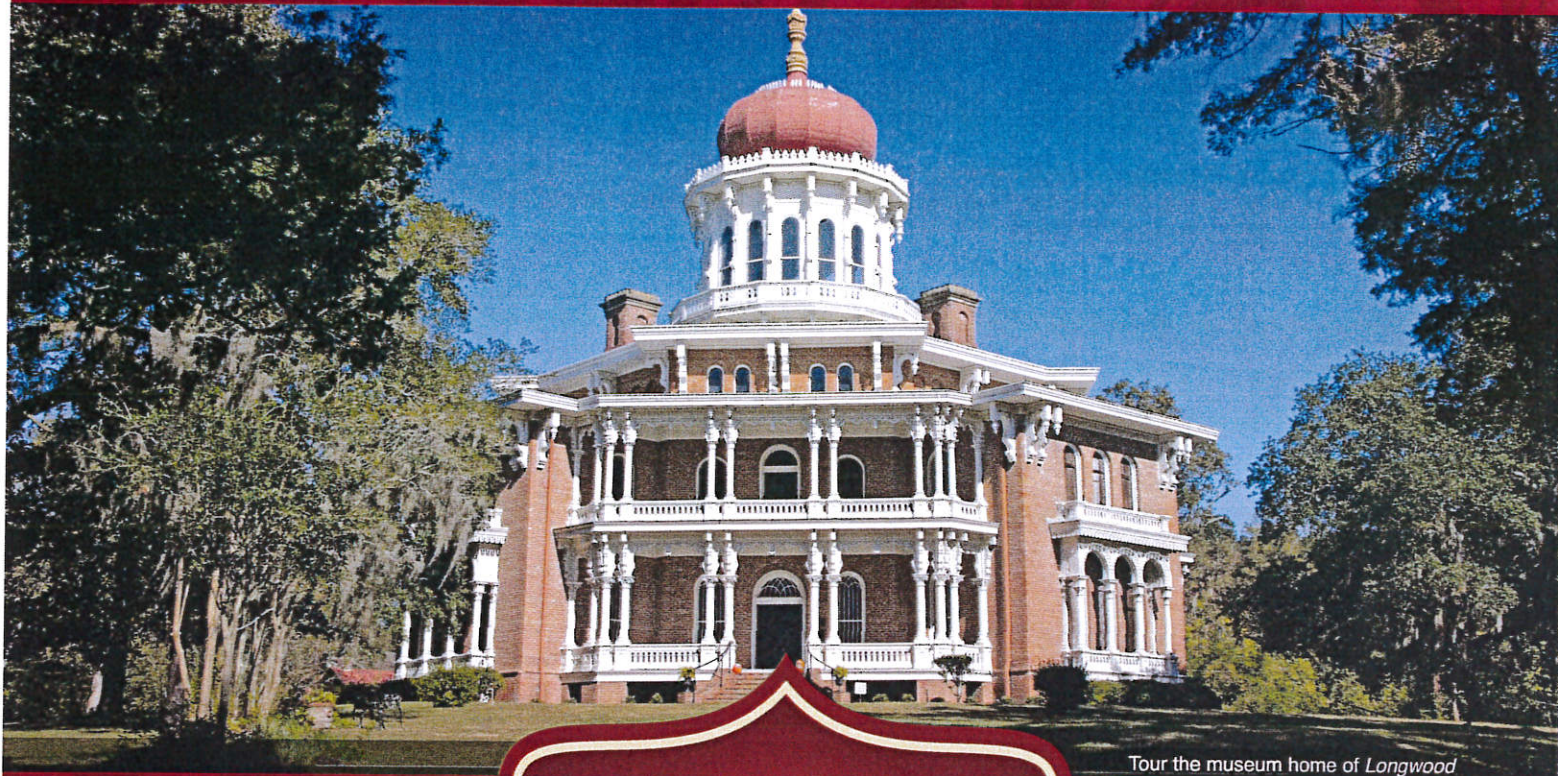


Fond Du Lac Happy Travelers



Tour the museum home of Longwood

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Tour historic antebellum homes with costumed hosts



See the magnolias in bloom – Mississippi's state flower



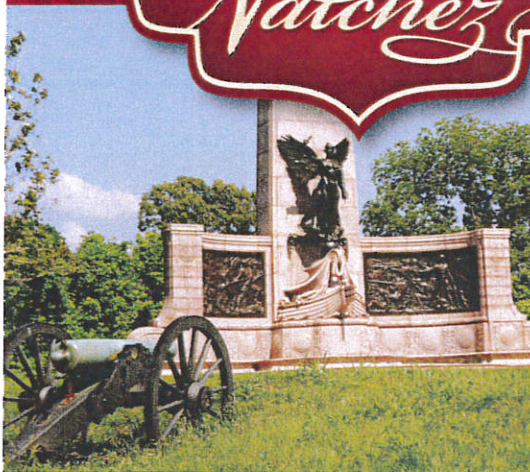
Delta Blues Museum

DEPARTURE DATE: APRIL 8, 2018

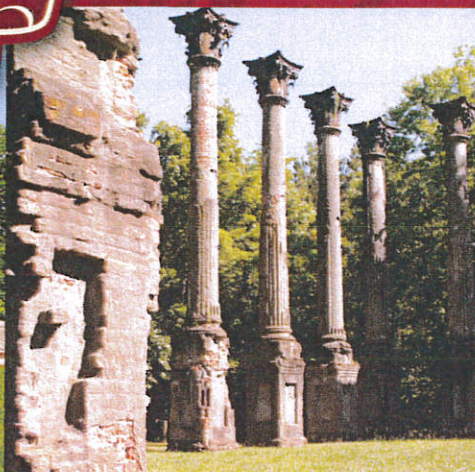

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Enjoy a narrated tour of Vicksburg National Military Park



See the ruins of Windsor Plantation



Southern Road to Freedom — a stirring musical tribute

— What is a Pilgrimage? —

In a tradition dating back to 1932, Historic Natchez welcomes “pilgrims” into its beautiful historic homes for tours by costumed hosts in 19th-century character. If you love antebellum history, Greek revival architecture and the very essence of 19th-century Southern gentility, don't miss this opportunity.

8 DAYS • 13 MEALS

- ✓ Our departure is from: Fond Du Lac Holiday Inn
625 W. Rolling Meadows Dr.
Fond Du Lac, WI
- ✓ Fully escorted with deluxe motorcoach transportation
- ✓ 13 Meals (4 dinners, 2 lunches and 7 breakfasts)
- ✓ Tour the BB King Museum, the Blues music's foremost ambassador
- ✓ Narrated tour of Vicksburg National Military Park with a licensed guide
- ✓ See the ruins of the once grand mansion of Windsor Plantation
- ✓ Travel along a portion of the scenic Natchez Trace Parkway
- ✓ Spend 3 nights in Historic Natchez, Mississippi during Pilgrimage time, featuring historic home visits, live musical performances and Southern cuisine
- ✓ Attend *Amos Polk's Voices of Hope* show in the fall and *Southern Road to Freedom* show in the spring
- ✓ Natchez home tours include *Longwood*, America's largest octagonal house and *Stanton Hall*, a palatial Greek Revival antebellum residence as well as a private residence
- ✓ Included dinner in the Carriage House Restaurant at *Stanton Hall*
- ✓ Take a narrated tour of *Frogmore* Plantation, a working cotton plantation
- ✓ Included lunch at Morgan Freeman's Ground Zero Blues Club
- ✓ Tour the Delta Blues Museum, a celebration of the Blues music
- ✓ Narrated tour of Saint Louis to see the Gateway Arch and St Louis Cathedral
- ✓ Visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum to learn of his life
- ✓ \$40 in Mayflower Money

DAYS 1 & 2 — Our Journey Begins

With a welcome dinner and overnight in Missouri, we come to Mississippi and the B.B. King Museum. Here, we learn about the life of the Blues music's foremost ambassador. The exhibits include thousands of rare artifacts, award-winning films and interactive displays. Later, we continue to Vicksburg. (Dinner and breakfast)

DAY 3 — Vicksburg National Military Park and Windsor Ruins

This morning a licensed park guide joins us for a narrated tour of Vicksburg National Military Park. Our guide makes history come alive and offers a unique opportunity to explore the battlefield. Learn about civilian life and military operations of the defense of Vicksburg in the spring and summer of 1863. Later, we follow a portion of the Natchez Trace Parkway where we come upon the ruins of a once grand plantation mansion, *Windsor*. Sprawling over 2,600 acres the plantation home survived the Civil War only to be burned to the ground by a cigar left carelessly unattended. Tonight, dinner is at the Magnolia Bluffs Casino. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY 4 — Experience the Natchez Pilgrimage

We begin our Southern experience at the Natchez Visitor Center where we learn about Natchez and its annual pilgrimages. Dating back to 1932, Natchez has been welcoming “pilgrims” into its antebellum and Greek Revival homes with the very essence of 19th-century gentility. Our first museum home visit is the impressive *Longwood*. The nation's largest octagonal house, *Longwood's* construction began in 1860 but was halted by rising tensions over the Civil War. While the exterior of this octagonal edifice is largely complete, only the home's lowest level was finished. After our included lunch we head over to our next museum home, the sprawling *Stanton Hall*. This palatial Greek Revival antebellum residence is elegantly furnished with period antiques and original Stanton family pieces. From its delicate arched millwork in the hall and parlors to the outstanding marble mantles and large pier mirrors, the home has infinite appeal.

(Breakfast and lunch)



Stanton Hall – a Greek Revival mansion



Morgan Freeman's Ground Zero Blues Club



Visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

DAY 5 – Frogmore Plantation and Evening Live Show

Today we travel to neighboring Louisiana to *Frogmore* Plantation for a glimpse at the past and present of a real working cotton plantation. See slave quarters, hear about their customs and listen to their secret music in a live performance held in the on-site church house. You will also see the historic 1884 Munger steam cotton gin before fast forwarding to the present 1800-acre cotton plantation operated by a 900 bales-per-day cotton gin. This afternoon we tour one of Natchez's private homes where the home owners themselves, dressed in 19th-century costumes, show us their daily life in a historic Natchez home. We return to *Stanton Hall* where we are treated to a bountiful plantation dinner in the property's elegant Carriage House Restaurant. Then, we have reserved seats to *Southern Road to Freedom*, a stirring musical tribute to the area's African-Americans and features the award-winning Holy Family Choir. Fall departures will see *Amos Polk Voices of Hope*. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY 6 – Ground Zero Blues Club and Delta Blues Museum

Traveling north we come to the town of Clarksdale. Located at the intersection of Highways 61 and 49 – known as “The Crossroads,” Clarksdale's roots with the Blues culture dates back to the 1920s. We enjoy an included lunch at the unique, Morgan Freeman-owned Ground Zero Blues Club, established in 2001 to celebrate the area's rich Blues heritage. At the Delta Blues Museum we learn how the Blues was born and grew up in the area thanks to musicians like Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, Sam Cooke and Ike Turner. Here, they are dedicated to exploring the history and heritage of the unique American musical art form of the Blues. Later, we continue to Tunica where we spend the night. For those who wish, maybe give “Lady Luck” a try! (Breakfast and lunch)

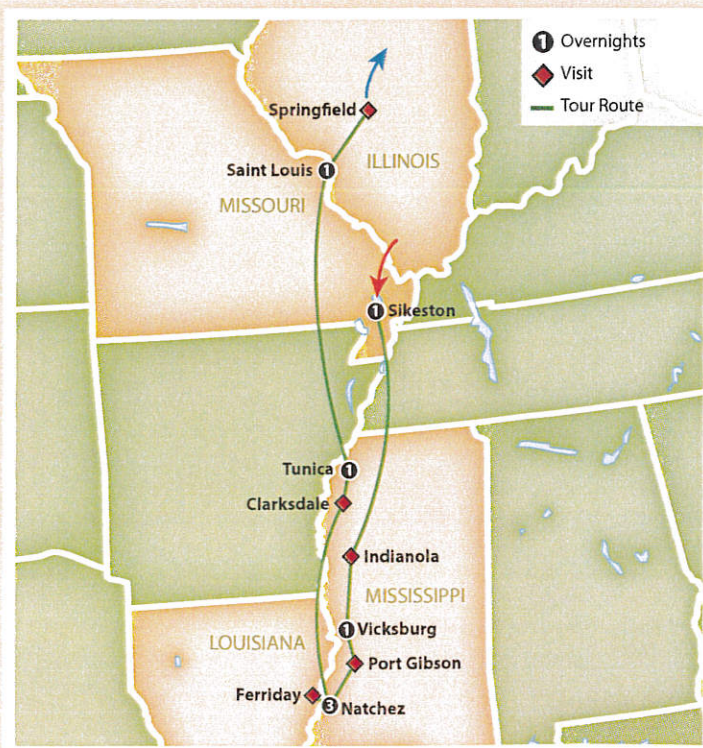
DAY 7 – Saint Louis City Tour

We depart Tunica this morning and travel north to the “Show Me” state of Missouri. We arrive in Saint Louis where a local guide shows

us the city called “The Gateway to the West.” Learn the history of this great city from its founding through the present day and see such world-class attractions as the Gateway Arch, Soulard Market and the amazing mosaics of the Saint Louis Cathedral. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY 8 – Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Home

After breakfast, we cross back into Illinois and make a stop at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Here, the story of Lincoln comes to life through immersive exhibits and displays of original artifacts. (Breakfast)

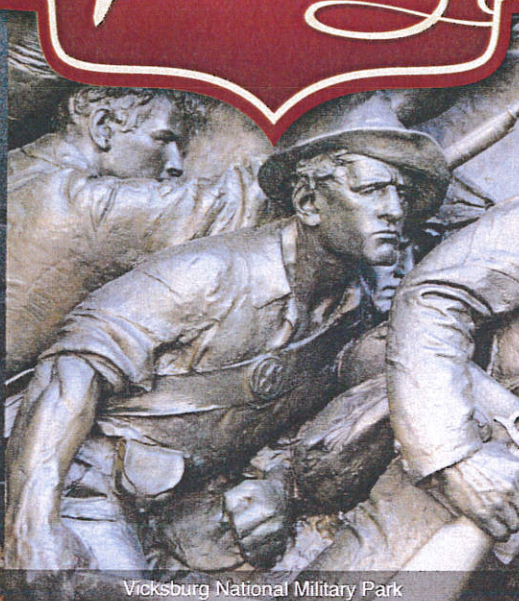


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Visit Natchez during Pilgrimage time



Vicksburg National Military Park



Delta Blues Museum

2018 SPRING PILGRIMAGE DEPARTURES

Spring pilgrimage departures will attend *Southern Road to Freedom* featuring the Holy Family Choir with a plantation dinner in the Carriage House Restaurant.

2018 DEPARTURE	PER PERSON TWIN ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
April 8	\$1,669	add \$539

Cancellation Fee Waiver (CFW) - \$60

On a Mayflower Motorcoach tour, the cost of the tour is refundable less the deposit amount when cancellations are made more than 30 days prior to departure. If you purchase the optional Cancellation Fee Waiver (CFW), you will be refunded all payments, less the \$60 for the CFW. While on tour, if a passenger must leave early due to a personal illness, illness or death of a member of the immediate family or a traveling companion, the purchase of the Cancellation Fee Waiver guarantees full refund for any unused services. Should you choose not to purchase our Cancellation Fee Waiver, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed:

31 days or more	Deposit Amount
30 to 7 days prior	\$300 per person
6 to 1 day prior	\$400 per person
Day of departure	100% of the tour cost
Early departure from tour	100% of the tour cost
No refund on unused portions of the tour	

Exclusions: Mayflower Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Tours.

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Day One – Pear Tree Inn, Sikeston, MO
Day Two – La Quinta Inn, Vicksburg, MS
Days Three through Five – Magnolia Bluffs Hotel, Natchez, MS
Day Six – The Fitzgerald Casino and Hotel, Tunica, MS
Day Seven – Drury Inn Westport, Saint Louis, MO

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